has been set up in the Department of Drinking Water Supply to examine various emerging issues and challenges in the rural drinking water and sanitation sector and suggest measures to tackle the new challenges which *inter alia* include review of activities and the contribution of international and bilateral agencies and recommend action of possible areas of their activities to increase the impact of their limited support to help the efforts of the Ministry/Mission and recommend better coordination mechanism for improved interventions for increasing regional and international collaboration, and new mechanism for betterment of the partnership with bilateral and multilateral agencies, civil society, NGOs/CBOs, private sector, State Governments, R&D institutions and PRIs.

Expansion of NREG Scheme

†379. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether decision has been taken for further expansion of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in the country;

(b)if so, the number of districts in the country where this scheme has been implemented; and

(c)what is the estimate amount of money required for implementation of this scheme after expansion and the amount distributed up to September during 2007-08 and the number of persons likely to be benefited by the end of the year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has decided to extend NREGA to all the remaining rural districts in the country including Union Territories with effect from 1.4.2008.

(b)200 districts were covered in the first phase with effect from 2.2.2006 and 130 districts were covered in the second phase in the financial year 2007-08. The remaining 266 districts have been included in the third phase of implementation of the Act from 1.4.2008.

(c)NREGA is demand driven and not an allocation based programme. A National Employment Guarantee Fund has been established for providing funds to the States for implementation of the Act. Provisions are made in the budget for implementation of the Act on the basis of funds utilized by the States and also on the basis of demand for work in the previous year. For the current financial year, a budget provision of Rs. 12,000 crores was made for implementation of the Act. Up to September 2007, a sum of Rs. 6798.97 crore had been released by the Centre to the various states. NREGA is demand driven. Adult members of any rural household may apply for employment under the Act subject to an over all ceiling of 100 days of employment in a financial year per household. Therefore, no targets can be fixed for providing employment under the Act.

Misuse of funds meant for Employment Guarantee in Chhattisgarh

†380. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether case of misuse of funds meant for National Rural Employment Guarantee in the State of Chhattisgarh and some other States have come to light;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received inquiry-report in the matter from the Employment Guarantee Commissioner of Chhattisgarh;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to stop recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Yes, Sir. A total of 80 complaints from 13 States including State of Chhattisgarh have been received regarding misuse of funds meant for National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

(b) to (d) Details of these cases are being collected.

(e) Specific instructions have been issued to all States that funds meant for NREGA should not be used for any other purposes.

Implementation of Total Sanitation Campaign in Orissa

381. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre propose to work out a plan to ensure that every school in the rural areas has drinking water supply and toilets by end of 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the status of implementation of Total Sanitation Campaign of the Centre; and

(d) what are the details of the districts in Orissa State, where the above project has been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) The Centre has decided to provide for sanitation facilities in all rural government and aided school by March, 2008. Projects have been approved for 578 rural districts and funds provided for the same. As a part of the Bharat Nirman Programme, all habitations including the schools therein are to be provided with drinking water facilities. The Bharat Nirman Programme is to be completed by 2008-09.

(c) Total Sanitation Campaign is under implementation in 578 rural districts in 30 States and Union Territories, with a total project cost of Rs. 13424 crore, of which the Central share is Rs. 8446 crore, State share of Rs. 2975 crore and beneficiary share of Rs. 2003 crore. The status of these 578 projects is:

Component	Target	Achievement
Individual latrines for BPL	5,69,53,466	2,12,59,314
Individual latrines for APL	6,12,55,867	1,55,08,026
School toilets	11,21,380	4,50,653
Anganwadi Toilets	4,11,754	1,43,867
Community Complex	27,661	11,539
Rural Sanitary Marts	4109	4,850
Production Centres	139	2,493

(d) The district-wise details of projects in Orissa are given in the Statement.